Appointment of Head Constables as Police Inspectors.

224. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any rule to the effect that 25 per cent. of the appointments as Inspectors of Police should go to Head Constables of approved service and ability; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether that rule is strictly adhered to

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) (*a*) G. O. R. Dis. No. 2592 of 26/ Judicial, dated the 9th September 1926, lays down that 25 per cent. of the vacancies may be reserved for deserving Head Constables of proved experience competent to cope with the duties of Inspectors.

(*b*) Yes.

Statement, by caste, of constables recruited during the last 3 years.

225. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste of the number of constables enlisted in the Police Department during the last three years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The statement * required is laid on the table.

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